



City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

September 2, 2014
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 14-065 SUPPORTING SB 1086 THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, RIVERS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT

Submitted by Nelson Hernandez
City Manager

Approved by Nelson Hernandez
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

Tonight the City Council is requested to consider Resolution No. 14-065 supporting SB 1086 (De Leon) the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act. If signed into law, SB 1086 will greatly support Carson's efforts to provide more open space and recreational opportunities for our residents by providing a much needed funding source.

This bill would enact the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act, which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a safe neighborhood parks, rivers, and coastal protection program. The bill would provide for the submission of the bond act to the go to the voters in 2016.

If passed, this Act would expand funding for local, regional and state parks, as well as, restoration of California's waterways and protection of our state's coast and open spaces. This would include funding opportunities to park facilities in Carson.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 14-065, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING SB 1086 THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, RIVERS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT"
2. DIRECT staff to transmit an executed copy of the resolution to State Senators Kevin De Leon, Ted Lieu and Roderick Wright and Assemblymember Isadore Hall, III.
3. APPROVE the draft letter to Senator Kevin De Leon prepared in support of Senate Bill 1086.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The State of California's natural resources, including our beaches, parks, rivers and natural areas, are an important part of California's attraction and experience. Access to parks and natural areas has been shown to provide measurable health improvements, including assisting in reducing rates of diabetes, other chronic diseases, childhood obesity, depression and anxiety.

Eight years of budget deficits at the local and state level have impacted existing park and natural resources infrastructure, including limiting the ability to expand and build more park projects to better serve California's residents and visitors. Unfortunately, there remains a large unmet need to improve and expand parks and protect natural resources.

If signed into law, SB 1086 will greatly support Carson's efforts to provide more open space and recreational opportunities for our residents by providing a much needed funding source.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution No. 14-065 Supporting the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act. (pgs. 4-5)
2. Background Sheet on SB 1086. (pgs. 6-7)
3. Draft Letter of Support to Senator De Leon from the City Council. (pg. 8)

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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council	
Date_____	Action_____

RESOLUTION 14-065

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1086, THE
SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, RIVERS, AND COASTAL
PROTECTION BOND ACT

WHEREAS, State Senator Kevin De Leon (D-Los Angeles) will re-introduced Senate Bill 1086, The Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act in the next session when the legislature reconvenes in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1086 allows for expanded funding for local, regional and state parks, as well as, restoration of California's waterways and protection of our state's coast and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1086 would create and expand local parks and restoration of regional and state parks, including funding via competitive grants. This would include funding opportunities to parks and recreation facilities in Carson; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1086 will allow for restoration of existing state park facilities to preserve public access and protect natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1086 would protect rivers, lakes and streams and their watersheds. As well as protect beaches, bays, coastal and ocean resources, forests, working lands and wildlife – all that contribute to California's allure and experience; and

WHEREAS, SB 1086 would protect, preserve and restore projects by regional conservancies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Carson supports the passage of Senate Bill 1086, which would provide financial support to assist cities such as Carson to build much needed recreational facilities.

EXHIBIT NO. 01

[MORE]



PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of September, 2014

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donesia L. Gause, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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SB 1086 (De León) Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2014

PURPOSE:

Expand funding for local, regional and state parks, as well as, restoration of California waterways and protection of our state's coast and open spaces.

BACKGROUND:

California's natural resources, including our beaches, parks, rivers and majestic natural areas, are an important part of the California lure and experience. Access to parks and natural areas has been shown to provide measurable health improvements, including assisting in reducing rates of diabetes, other chronic diseases, childhood obesity, depression and anxiety. Additionally, parks can help to combat the impacts of climate change, by reducing heat-island effects.

There has not been a true park and natural resources bond for over a decade, since the passage of Proposition 40 in 2002. Although Proposition 84 in 2006 contained \$400 million for state parks and \$400 million for a local competitive grant program, pursuant to AB31 (De León), however, park specific dollars represented only 15% of the funds available in the \$5.1 billion bond. The local competitive grant program established by AB 31 awarded \$368 million in grants representing 126 park projects in underserved neighborhoods across the state – from Turlock to San Diego to San Francisco. However, the program received \$3 billion in requests – a ratio of eight project applications for every one application awarded.

Recent years of budget deficits at the local and state level have impacted existing park and natural resources infrastructure, including limiting the ability to expand and build more park projects to better serve California's park-poor neighborhoods. Unfortunately, there remains a large unmet need to improve and expand parks and protect natural resources.

PROPOSAL:

- Create and expand local parks and restoration of regional and state parks, including funding via competitive grants and on a per capita basis.
- Restoration of existing state park facilities to preserve public access and protect natural resources.
- Protection of rivers, lakes and streams, and their watersheds.

EXHIBIT NO. 02



- Protection of beaches, bays, coastal and ocean resources.
- Protection of forests, working lands, and wildlife.
- Protection , preservation and restoration projects by regional conservancies
- Youth employment opportunities in conservation, including local and state Conservation Corps.
- Urban forestry and greening projects that support sustainable communities strategies.

SUPPORT:

Audubon California
 Big Sur Land Trust
 California Association of Local Conservation Corps
 California Park and Recreation Society
 California Releaf
 California State Parks Foundation
 California Urban Forests Council
 California Watershed Network
 City of Encinitas
 City of Hawaiian Gardens
 City of Torrance
 City of Westminster
 Community Services Employment Training
 Conejo Recreation and Park District
 El Dorado Hills Community Services District
 Endangered Habitats League
 Environmental Defense Fund
 Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District
 Fulton-El Camino Recreation & Park District
 Hesperia Recreation and Park District
 Highlands Recreation District

LA Conservation Corps
 Lafayette Parks, Trails, and Recreation Department
 Livermore Area Recreation and Park District
 Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
 Pacific Forest Trust
 Paradise Recreation and Park District
 Peninsula Open Space Trust
 Pleasant Hill Recreation and Park District
 San Jose Conservation Corps & Charter School
 Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership
 Sequoia Community Corps
 Sierra Club California
 Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
 The Nature Conservancy
 The Trust for Public Land
 Wasco Recreation & Parks

OPPOSITION: *None on file.*

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September 2, 2014

The Honorable Kevin De León
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1086 (De León): Safe Neighborhood Parks, Rivers, and Coastal Protection Bond – SUPPORT

Dear Senator De León:

On behalf of the City of Carson, I want to express our support for SB 1086 (De León) which would provide a much needed source of funds for local, regional and state parks.

Unfortunately the economic downturn in California caused a severe budget crisis that crippled the ability of local government to invest in the rehabilitation, development, or acquisition of local park projects. If signed into law, SB 1086 will greatly support our efforts to provide more open space and recreational opportunities for our residents by providing a much needed funding source.

SB 1086 would provide the financial support to assist cities such as Carson to build much needed recreational facilities such as:

- Shade coverings at the 10 parks (plus baseball diamonds at Veterans Park without dugout covers)
- Replace all old windows at Dolphin and Carriage Crest Parks
- Replace wooden picnic tables and benches with either cement or recycled plastic.
- Upgrade field lighting at Calas, Dolphin and Stevenson Parks
- Replace picnic shelters at Scott, Stevenson and Mills Parks
- Install artificial turf in Early Childhood Center playground area
- Paint and refurbish all city recreational facilities as needed

These project will benefit our community by preserving our established parks and open spaces and by offering better amenities to our residents and visitors.

The City of Carson supports SB 1086 because it will provide for the increase and expansion of parks, open space, and greenways. SB 1086 provides the crucial funding that will ensure Californians continue to have access to natural resources, open space and other recreational opportunities.

We look forward to working with your office moving forward to craft a bill and funding program that would meet the needs of our community and benefit all Californians. I thank you for your leadership on this important piece of legislation. Our state advocate, Niccolo De Luca, will be following up with your staff.

Sincerely,

Mayor and City Council *(full names and titles to be inserted after Council approval)*

CC: Senator Ted Lieu
Assembly Member Isadore Hall

